



COLONIAL COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD

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Meeting Minutes: Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board
August 1, 2016

Location: New Kent County Sheriff's Department
12001 Courthouse Cir.
New Kent, VA 23124

Members Present: Susan Bruno
Jimmy Burrell
David Coe
Judge Colleen Killilea
John Kuplinski, Chair
Joe McLaughlin
Charles Moss, Vice Chair
Virginia Munoz
Shawn Overbey
Steven Reandean
Tony Dallman (designee for Brad Rinehimer)
Mike Scheitle
Dave Sloggie

Members Absent: Byron M. Adkins
Judge Wade Bowie
Bill Coad
Craig Farinholt
Chad Green
Adam Kinsman
Judge Mike McGinty
Jodi Miller (seat vacant)
Ron Montgomery
Jenny Pauls
Rob Tyler

Staff: Jack Fitzpatrick, Criminal Justice Planner
Jessica Bolton, CCC Administrative Coordinator

Guests: WWTT representatives: David Benedict, Jim Ramage, Tony Griffin, Patty Kipps, John Greenman, Doris Fortney, Mr. Fortney, and Rachel Miller-Koob

1. CALL TO ORDER

The quarterly meeting of the Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board was called to order at 6:55 p.m. by Chair Kuplinski.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

Administrative Coordinator Bolton advised that a quorum was present and the Chair declared this a legal meeting.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Chair Kuplinski welcomed the members of Williamsburg Walks The Talk and asked member Jim Ramage to provide some background on the group and introduce the representatives to the Board. The Chair provided some statistical information on the efforts of the group and read the Certificate of Appreciation: "In recognition of your efforts in the area of Re-Entry since 2004 with hundreds of re-entering citizens served and thousands of hours of mentorship donated. Williamsburg Walks The Talk has improved lives while you have improved our local criminal justice system!" A photograph was taken and will be shared with the media.

4. APPROVAL OF MAY 2, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

A motion by Joe McLaughlin, seconded by Mike Scheitle, was unanimously approved to accept the minutes as presented.

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

No report.

6. APPOINTMENTS and ELECTIONS

Reappointments were made for: Judge Bowie (3/1/19), Susan Bruno (6/30/19), Adam Kinsman (2/28/2019) and Chief Rinehimer (8/31/19).

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Juvenile Justice Committee Report: Juvenile Justice Committee Chair Mike Scheitle reported:

Several of our jurisdictions have made outreach efforts to youth in their communities to include:

- New Kent Christian Academy (9 children and 2 staff members)

- “Safe New Kent” program at Quinton Park (Identi-Kid, child and road safety) with more than 100 in attendance.
- Poquoson Bike Safety class for Cub Scout Pack 28
- York-Poquoson S.O. child safety class at Alice Wonderland Playhouse; Learning Center (15 kids and 1 staff member) and Girl Scout Troop 1090 (5 kids & 5 adults); Safety Town (backpacks and gun safety information over 200 kids over four Wednesdays), Community Event at St. John’s Church (25 kids & 40 adults), community child ID trailer event (35 kids & 15 adults).
- James City held their first of two 2016 COPS Camps for kids with 18 campers from 7/18-22 they donated materials and labor to the Erase The Need Center at W-JCC Schools. A second camp will be held the week of 8/22.
- Both Sheriff McLaughlin and Chief Rinehimer volunteered to be “dunked” in the dunking booth at a fundraiser for homicide victim, Gabe Maness’ children and wife.
- Charles City, New Kent, and the City of Williamsburg will hold National Night Out events tomorrow.
- The latest public safety video aimed at youth called “Webator” was shot in early March and scenes showing the William and Mary logo were blurred. The video is now available for viewing and the Justice Planner would like to send the link to the William and Mary contacts for approval to release to the public.
- Juvenile Justice will resume meeting monthly in September after school personnel return.

The Justice Planner played the corrected public safety video “Webator” for the Board’s approval to send to Williams and Mary for approval. After some discussion on the video, it was approved for distribution.

(b) Special Projects Report - CIT: Special Projects/CIT Chair David Coe Reported:

\$850,000 in recurring state funds has been received to create a PACT team (Program of Assertive Community Treatment) whose goal is to handle patients who are known for chronic recidivism in the justice, courts, and mental health fields. A total of 12 positions will be hired—some are already working—and will include a full time psychiatrist, nurse(s), case managers, peers, and more. Eventually, the PACT team should serve 100 patients and will likely add 3-5 patients a month until they reach that goal. Most of the work will be done in “the field” as opposed to in the CBH offices. Judge Killilea asked that the judges and defense attorneys be educated about to program so that they can intervene on behalf of clients. Mike Scheitle would be interested in more information on those with juvenile “blended sentences” who might be in state custody as late as age 21.

(c) Re-Entry Committee: Justice Planner was asked to report on behalf of committee chair-Jenny Pauls. He reported that:

- Several members of the Colonial Re-Entry Council attended the Attorney General's Statewide Re-Entry Conference-“Future Directions in Re-Entry: A Collaborative Effort Making Our Communities Safer” which was held at the Great Wolf Lodge and brought back ideas, ongoing efforts in other parts of the state, as well as best practices as perceived by the state.
- A group of churches in the lower end of York County has been working to establish a core of Re-Entry partners to serve their part of the Colonial Region more effectively. Colonial Re-Entry has welcomed their leadership to our meetings, provided them with contacts who can advise and help them with organization and goals, and provided them with documents to aid in their work.
- CCC sought and hired a new Re-Entry Coordinator/P.O. who has attended his first Re-Entry Council meeting and is progressing into the position.
- Melissa Minnick has been hired as a certified counselor by CBH and is offering mental health assistance to inmates in the jail. She will begin two new groups soon: “Empowering the Hero Within” and “Anger Management Through Art”.
- Funding for the remaining Re-Entry Guest House is adequate through July 2017 and members of the Council are looking into funding for the long term. It is notable that through attrition and good planning, no one was forced to leave the Guest Houses before they were ready to do so even though the mandate to close two houses was met.
- The Council is planning on creating a short video which will play multiple times per day in the VPRJ pods to educate the inmates about re-entry and how to access our programs.
- The New Kent/Charles City Counties Re-Entry Council continues to meet regularly and has seen positive results from their coordination already in assisting a client. The challenge that they will face is that an estimated 6 re-entering citizens return to their counties in a year, which may make it difficult to keep volunteers involved.
- The DMV Connect program has provided Virginia Identification cards to close to 150 inmates to date.

(d) **Finance Committee:** N/A

8. REPORT OF CCC AGENCY DIRECTOR

Justice Planner provided a brief biography for the newest CCC hire-P.O./Re-Entry Coordinator Joshua Carr.

- Both substance abuse and mental health training and experience
- raised locally and lives in Toano
- organized and has created a database to track our re-entry efforts
- will maintain a probation caseload

- in the process of establishing his schedule for the jail and CCC Office
- studied psychology and business at Christopher Newport University
- counseling at Liberty University

9. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Kuplinski provided some background on the Mental Health in Jails DCJS Grant which VPRJ and Colonial Behavioral Health will partner on applying for. This grant would be aimed at mentally ill inmates who do not meet the criteria for “Serious Mental Illness”. If received, the grant would provide for up to three employees and a vehicle among other things. Letters of support by partner agencies are likely to be requested in the future for this effort.

Dave Sloggie made a motion that the proposed CCCJB Bylaws be changed to permit localities to appoint Board members to terms that suit their needs. He noted that York County prefers to appoint their government representative after their first organizational meeting of each new year when the County Board of Supervisors has experienced change and that the City of Williamsburg prefers to appoint those serving as Chief of Police and Assistance City Manager for the life of their service in that post. The Justice Planner had sent the proposal to the membership three weeks prior. Judge Killilea asked that the wording be altered to “There shall be no limitation of terms for which a member of the CCCJB may be appointed. Members shall serve three-year terms unless a city or county has chosen to appoint for a differing length. Members appointed to fill vacancies shall serve the remainder of the term they are filling.” (Article IV, Section 4) Chief Sloggie accepted the amendment and Jimmy Burrell seconded. The motion was approved.

Justice Planner read the DCJS grant announcement for FY 2017: JCC-Offender Re-entry Transition Services (ORTS)-\$72,029, Victim Witness Program-\$179,667, and Community Corrections-\$718,840. New Kent County-Byrne Justice Asst. Grant-\$49,852. Charles City-SRO-\$45,000

10. CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT

No additional discussion.

The next meeting will be held Monday, **November 7, 2016**, in Charles City County.

With no further business, Chair Kuplinski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Coe made the motion and Susan Bruno seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.